

Pete Sanstol, Scandinavian Bantam, in Second Local

BLAKE BATTLER RECEIVES TEST

Norwegian Ranked Second to Champion Brown

European Out to Make Good for New Manager

Filipino Figures to Shoot Works Tuesday

Pete Sanstol—first Scandinavian fighter of promise since Copenhagen sent over the great battling Dane, Oscar Battling Nelson—sails into California's crack Filipino, Young Tommy, at the Olympic Tuesday night.

Oslo, Norway, is the home of the newcomer. Here he owns part interest in his father's sardine cannery, also an apartment-house.

But his ambition to become a great fighter in America where Greta Garbo and Paavo Nurmi won everlasting fame on screen and cinder path, drew little Peter across the seas.

Already he has made much progress. Twice he fought Al Brown, champion of the world—both fifteen-round battles. The East rates him the second best bantamweight in the world.

But Sanstol swells with pride when he points to George Blake as his manager. The story of how Blake became the manager of Sanstol is something different in boxing.

Sanstol stalked Blake instead of Blake seeking Sanstol. They met in Paris back in 1929. Blake had La Barba fighting Kid Francis.

La Barba needed a sparring partner and Sanstol got the job. He boxed with Fidel for three weeks preceding the fight. They became friends—almost chums.

The seriousness of Sanstol and his vein of Scandinavian humor attracted Fidel. It interested Blake. Sanstol studied the two Americans. He asked Blake to manage him.

But Blake never handled any other boxer all during the time Fidel was active. He could have had Primo Carnera—the man who made thousands here and who may be the next heavyweight champion of the world.

The next meeting of Sanstol with Blake and La Barba was in New York a few months ago. The Norwegian was no longer a green fighter, but a ranking bantamweight picked second to Al Brown by a national poll of sports writers.

He joined out with La Barba to do road work in Central Park with the same idea buzzing in his head that maybe Blake would manage him now. He asked Fidel about it as they ran along the winding paths.

La Barba said he would ask Mr. Blake about it and try to win him over. Seaman Watson defeated Fidel and he announced his retirement before he knew his eyes had been injured.

Sanstol then asked Blake again to bring him to the Coast. But Blake gave him no promise.

"Blake investigated everything that I had done after I came to America—my fights—my ways of living before he gave his answer," says Sanstol.

"Ever since we had met in Paris I had lived cleanly and studied how I could please this man in hopes that some day he would be my manager.

"I was the happiest boy in the world the day I signed a contract and rushed out to cable my mother and father in Oslo that the greatest man in America was now my manager."

In his one start under Blake Sanstol defeated Georgie Hansford. Outweighed, the boy from Oslo won with his ring class.

Appearance Against Young Tommy

Sanstol Headlines Olympic Card With Tommy as Opponent

By Sol Plex

Pete Sanstol, who once received his mail in Oslo, Norway, and Young Tommy, Filipino, who is picking at the heels of Speedy Dado for Coast bantamweight supremacy, box at the Olympic Tuesday night.

NORWAY'S THREAT

Hollywood is dark, due to its date falling on Good Friday.

The Olympic fight is the first real test of the judgment of George Blake in picking up the Norwegian as a foremost challenger for the championship of his class.

Blake, known as a one-man fighter during the reign of Fidel La Barba, did not agree to handle Sanstol as an afterthought. He checked the boy up from every angle and decided that he was another Oscar Battling Nelson.

The first "feel" of Sanstol was the Georgie Hansford fight at

Hollywood. Hansford, a featherweight, but inexperienced, showed Sanstol off as a defensive workman.

Sanstol stood in the middle of the ring and made Hansford miss enough times to win the fight without much offensive.

The Tommy fight will put the boy from the land of the midnight sun in a different spot. Tommy is a natural fighter. He has the speed all Filipinos have and the cunning that is native, not acquired.

The big time for Sanstol was the two tests he had with Al Brown, champion of the bantamweight division. He lost both decisions in fifteen-round fights, but was fighting in territory that was practically Brownproof. Brown has never lost in Montreal. But the stuff he showed against Brown caused Eastern critics to rank him next to Hat Pin Al in 1932. The boys back yonder have never seen Tommy and Dado in action.

Sanstol, who has already applied for naturalization papers in this country, has pursued Blake since the day they met in Paris in 1929.

It was only after La Barba had announced his retirement that Blake considered managing Sanstol. He took his time before signing him up.

Sanstol asked Blake to handle him when they met in France. Then he failed to get a tumble. So he mapped out a plan to live as cleanly as La Barba in hopes that Blake would change his mind.

His chance came after La Barba fought Seaman Watson in New York. He even asked Fidel to intercede for him. Blake made sure that the Norwegian was ambitious enough to try to win a championship before he brought him West.

The semi-final may run the main event a close race for honors. If

to whip Freddie Miller, with Mickey Cohen, a star Jewish boxer.

Cohen, who was born in Boyle Heights, went back to Cleveland, Ohio, and defeated boys like Johnny Datto, Phil Zwick, Willie Davies and Dominic Petrone. He drew with Johnny Farr and Eddie Shea.

The other bouts are Harry Thomas vs. Tommy Souza, Hoyt

Tommy vs. Sanstol

OLYMPIC TUESDAY NITE, APRIL 11

—Winner to box Baby Face Casanova—

Sanstol Gets Test In Tommy Tonight

LITTLE PETE SANSTOL—the boy they say will win the world's bantamweight championship under the direction of George Blake—takes the Filipino test tonight at the Olympic.

The Norwegian is a slight favorite to defeat Young Tommy—rated the neck-and-neck rival of Speedy Dado.

They are boxing at catchweights. Fans who saw Sanstol

make Georgie Hansford miss blows, believe Tommy will have a hard time catching up with the invader.

When this match was first made Tommy figured to be the favorite. One week of Sanstol with Blake "picking him up" has caused a detour in the odds.

A NEW GRIFFO?

The old-timers are now calling Sanstol a second "Griffo" and a throwback to the durable Dane, Oscar Battling Nelson.

Al Brown twice fought Sanstol. The Negro won both times in 15-rounders, but predicted the Norwegian would be his successor to the bantamweight crown.

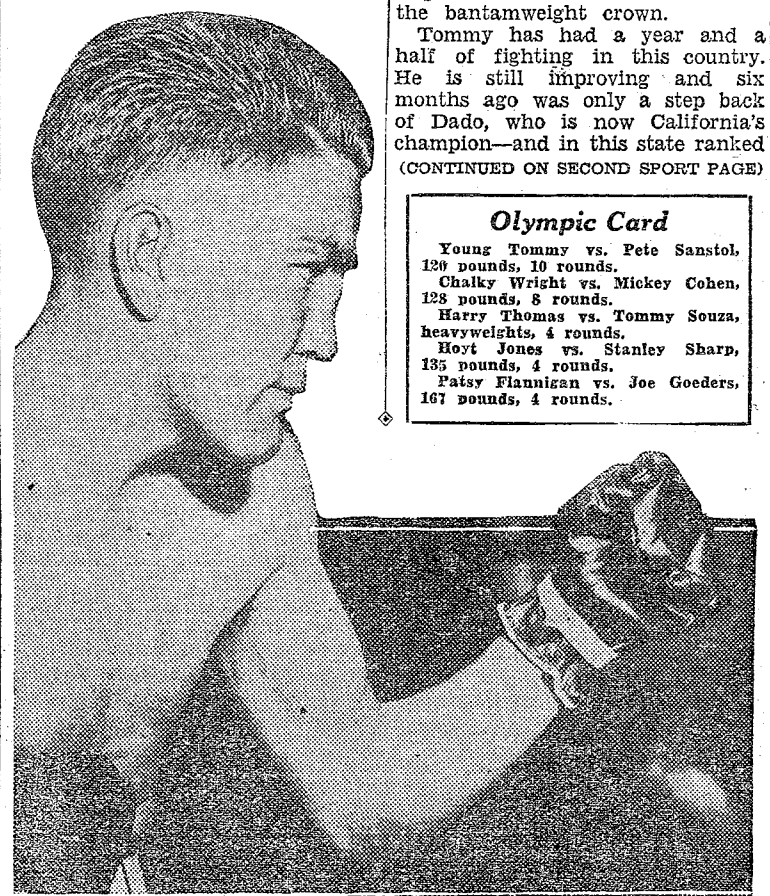
Tommy has had a year and a half of fighting in this country. He is still improving and six months ago was only a step back of Dado, who is now California's champion—and in this state ranked

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Olympic Card

Young Tommy vs. Pete Sanstol, 120 pounds, 10 rounds.
Chaiky Wright vs. Mickey Cohen, 128 pounds, 8 rounds.
Harry Thomas vs. Tommy Souza, heavyweights, 4 rounds.
Hoyt Jones vs. Stanley Sharp, 135 pounds, 4 rounds.
Patsy Flannigan vs. Joe Goeders, 167 pounds, 4 rounds.



AND GUARANTEED to have a lot of kick in that mitt he's sticking out—that's Pete Sanstol of Norway, who meets Young Tommy tonight in the feature bout at the Olympic.